

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MAY 19, 1860.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. JOHNSON of Arkansas made the following

REPORT.

[To accompany bill S. 453.]

*The Committee on Public Lands having had the case of Mary Towson, widow of Joshua Towson, a soldier of the war of 1812, for bounty land, under consideration, submit the following report:*

It appears from the papers that Joshua Towson served in Captain Montgomery's company of Maryland militia from the 19th August till the 18th October, 1814; but said company was in service until 30th November of that year.

The act of the 3d March, 1835, gives bounty land to all who served fourteen days, provided they did not desert, and were honorably discharged. The rolls of the company in which Towson served show that on one occasion he was "absent without leave," which the Pension Office regards as equivalent to "desertion," unless clearly explained. No such explanation, however, appears; but, as the soldier served for two months, notwithstanding the rejection of the application by his widow for bounty land, because of his absence once "without leave," the Interior Department "regards the case as one which might properly appeal to the liberality of Congress."

Hence, your committee report a bill for the benefit of the widow, granting her 160 acres of land for her late husband's services, and recommend its passage.

